

Tuesday, November 4, 1851.

The Senate was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment. The following Senators answered to their names : Messrs. Armstrong, Bigelow, Bogart, Burks, Burleson, Day, Davis, Dancy, Doane, Duggan, Eddy, Gray, Grimes, Hart, Hill, Parker, Reaves, Scott, Sterne, Taylor, Truit and Williams—quorum present.

The officers elect of the Senate came forward and were qualified.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Eddy moved that the Senate adopt for its government, the Standing Rules of the Senate of 1849, and the Joint Rules of the two Houses ; carried.

Mr. Parker moved that a committee be appointed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate is now organized, and ready to proceed to business ; carried.

Messrs. Parker, Williams and Taylor were appointed said committee.

Mr. Burleson offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Senate will go into an election for Chaplain on Wednesday, the 5th inst.

On motion of Mr. Grimes, the Secretary of the Senate was instructed to cause a copy of Hartley's Digest, and the Journals of the Senate, to be furnished to each Senator.

On motion of Mr. Parker, the Senate adjourned until three o'clock, p. m.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met—roll called—quorum present.

Mr. Parker, chairman of the committee appointed to inform the House that the Senate had organized, and was ready to proceed to business—reported that duty performed.

Mr. Davis introduced a bill for the final settlement of the public debt of the State of Texas, and to provide for the improvement of its water courses ; read first time.

A committee from the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House had organized, and was ready to proceed to business.

Mr. Dancy moved that a committee be appointed to act with a like committee on the part of the House, to inform the Governor that the two Houses were organized and ready to receive any communication he might wish to make.

The chair appointed Messrs. Dancy, Duggan and Reaves said committee.

A message was received from the House, through their Chief

Clerk, Mr. Ben F. Hill, informing the Senate, that the House had elected the following officers, viz: D. C. Dickson, Speaker; Ben F. Hill, Chief Clerk; James M. Long, Assistant Clerk; R. Q. Mills, Engrossing Clerk; Tro Ward, Enrolling Clerk; Isaac C. Polk, Sergeant-at-Arms, and John Ferrell, Door-keeper.

On motion of Mr. Burleson, the Senate adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, November 5, 1851.

The Senate was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment—quorum present—the journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Mr. Franklin H. Merriman, senator elect from District No. 18, composed of the counties of Galveston and Brazoria, presented his credentials, took the oath prescribed by the constitution, and his seat.

Mr. James C. Wilson, senator elect from District No. 19, composed of the counties of Matagorda, Wharton, Colorado, Jackson, Calhoun and Victoria, presented his credentials, was qualified, and took his seat.

Mr. Davis presented the petition of William B. Williamson, William Maxey, and John D. Turner, asking remuneration for certain slaves alleged to have been lost in the public service.—Read, and on motion of Mr. Davis, laid on the table.

Mr. Bigelow presented the petition of sundry citizens of Brownsville, in relation to the charter of said city. Read, and, on motion of Mr. Bigelow, referred to a select committee:—Messrs. Bigelow, Dancy and Doane were appointed said committee.

Mr. Dancy, chairman of the committee appointed to wait upon the Governor, and inform him that the two Houses had organized and were ready to receive any communication he might wish to make, reported duty performed; and that the Governor would send in his message to the Legislature on Friday the 7th instant, at 11 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Eddy, the Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met—roll called—quorum present.

The President announced the following Standing Committees:

*Committee on the Judiciary*—Messrs. Gray, Merriman, Bigelow, Reeves and Armstrong.